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S.B. No. 622

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the collection of certain data for the Texas Natural Resources Information System and the duties of the Texas Geographic Information Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (d), Section 16.021, Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The executive administrator shall establish the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) to serve Texas agencies and citizens as a centralized clearinghouse and referral center for:

- (1) natural resource data;
- (2) [~~7~~] census data;
- (3) data related to emergency management; [~~7~~] and
- (4) other socioeconomic data.

(d) Member entities of the TGIC that are state agencies shall, and member entities that are not state agencies may, provide information to the TGIC about their investments in geographic information and plans for its use. Not later than November [~~September~~] 1 of each even-numbered year, the TGIC shall prepare and provide to the board, the Department of Information Resources, the governor, and the legislature a report that:

- (1) describes the progress made by each TGIC member entity toward achieving geographic information system goals and in

1 implementing [~~plan that inventories known state agency~~] geographic
2 information systems initiatives; and

3 (2) recommends additional [~~projects and recommends~~]
4 initiatives to improve the state's geographic information systems
5 programs.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.